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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT BY HEADQUARTERS GSFG ON UK BEHAVIOR
IN EAST BERLIN

1. AT TRIPARTITE MEETING ON JUNE 26, UK REP (MINEEF)
REPORTED THAT DURING A MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OF THE
BRITISH MILITARY LIAISON MISSION IN POTSDAM ON JUNE 21,
THE CHIEF OF SERB, COL. NYUNIN, HAD PRESENTED AN
INFORMAL SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING ALLEGED TRAFFIC
VIOLATIONS BY BRITISH PATROLS IN EAST BERLIN. MINEEF
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY
NYUNIN:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR BRIGADIER: THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF GSFG HAS
INSTRUCTED ME TO MAKE TO YOU THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.
DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR BRITISH
MILITARY VEHICLES HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN BREAKING

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TRAFFIC RULES ESTABLISHED FOR THE TERRITORY OF THE GDR. A PARTICULARLY UNPLEASANT INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON 12 JUNE WHEN ONE OF THE MILITARY VEHICLES OF THE BRITISH MILITARY GARRISON IN WEST BERLIN, HAVING INFRINGED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE RESTRICTION SIGNS IN THE AREA OF RUSCHESTRASSE AND MAGDALENENSTRASSE, BEHAVED IN A PROVOCATIVE MANNER. THE CHIEF OF STAFF GSFG, WITHOUT MAKING ANY ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE BRITISH MILITARY LIAISON MISSION, EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL INFORM THE COMMAND OF THE BRITISH GARRISON IN WEST BERLIN ABOUT THE INCIDENTS, IN ORDER TO AVOID THE OCCURRENCE OF SIMILAR ONES IN THE FUTURE. THE CHIEF OF STAFF GSFG TRUSTS THAT YOUR COOPERATION IN SETTLING THESE INCIDENTS WILL GIVE THE COMMAND OF GSFG THE OPPORTUNITY OF NOT RESORTING TO OFFICIAL APPROACHES. END TEXT.

2. MINEEF SAID THE CHIEF OF BRIXMIS HAD REPLIED THAT HE WOULD PASS THE STATEMENT TO HIS AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO MINEEF, THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED AND HAD TURNED OUT TO BE MINOR INFRACTIONS OF THE LAW. IN THE UK VIEW THE REASON FOR THE STATEMENT HAD NOT BEEN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE VIOLATIONS AS SUCH, BUT RATHER TO INTRODUCE THE SERB- BRIXMIS LINK AS A CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS ON MATTERS DEALING WITH EAST BERLIN. IN ADDITION TO CONTAINING AN OBJECTIONABLE INFERENCE THAT EAST BERLIN WAS GDR TERRITORY, THIS STEP ALSO REPRESENTED AN ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN NO LONGER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLIED- SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE EASTERN SECTOR AND THAT THE NORMAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE THROUGH POTSDAM. THE RESIDUAL BERLIN AUTHORITY FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY COULD THEN BE LIMITED ONLY TO WEST BERLIN.

3. MINEEF SAID THE BRITISH PROPOSED TO RESPOND TO THE STATEMENT BY NOTING THAT POTSDAM WAS NOT THE CORRECT PLACE TO MAKE SUCH PROTESTS. THE CHIEF OF BRIXMIS WOULD STATE THAT IF THE SOVIETS HAD ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT BRITISH BEHAVIOR IN EAST BERLIN THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEM TO UK MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN WEST BERLIN

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THROUGH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN, WHICH WAS THE NORMAL CHANNEL FOR SUCH SUBJECTS. THE US AND FRENCH REPS AGREED THAT SUCH A REPLY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

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